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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., December 20, 2002--Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.18 million cattle on feed on December 1, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 4 percent from last year and 10 percent below 2000.

Placements during November totaled 410,000 head, up 5 percent from last year but equal to 2000.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of November totaled 330,000 head, up 8 percent from last year but 10 percent below November 2000. Other disappearance during November totaled 10,000 head compared with 15,000 head during November 2001 and 2000.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 8 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on December 1, 2002. The inventory was 8 percent below December 1, 2001 and 9 percent below December 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001 but 2 percent below 2000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.73 million, 4 percent below 2001 and 5 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during November, 13 percent above 2001 but 14 percent below 2000.

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